

***Amendments to the Claims:***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject application.

***Listing of Claims:***

1. (Currently Amended) A speech application system, comprising:
  - A. a speech recognition (SR) system configured to receive an audio input and generate a context-independent result object representing all possible context-dependent interpretations of said audio input;
  - B. a speech application script, loaded at the SR system and configured to control said SR system, said application script defining one or more application contexts, said application contexts being represented as categories of interpretation, wherein said application script includes programming code written in a language chosen from a group of scripting languages comprising Jscript, PerlScript, or VBscript; and
  - C. a result object evaluator, configured to receive said context-independent result object and said one or more application contexts and, as a function thereof, to generate a specific interpretation result corresponding to said audio input, and to return said interpretation result to said application script.
2. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein one or more of said application script is included in a Web page.
3. (Previously presented) A system as in claim 20, wherein one or more of said interfaces are objects exposed via ActiveX facilities.
- 4.-6. (Canceled)
7. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein said audio input is received from a device chosen from a group comprising:

- A. a telephone;
- B. a cellular telephone;
- C. a personal computer;
- D. an application server; and
- E. an audio receiver.

8. (Previously presented) A system as in claim 1, wherein said audio input is received via a network including one or more wire or wireless networks from a group, comprising:

- A. a telephone network;
- B. a cellular telephone network;
- C. a LAN;
- D. a WAN;
- E. a virtual private network;
- F. the Internet; and
- G. the Web.

9. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein said plurality of valid interpretations of said audio input includes all valid interpretations of said audio input within said context.

10. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein speech application is chosen from a group of interactive speech applications comprising:

- A. consumer survey applications;
- B. Web access applications;

- C. educational applications, including health education applications and computer-based lesson applications and testing applications;
- D. screening applications, including patient screening applications and consumer screening applications;
- E. health risk assessment applications;
- F. monitoring applications, including health data monitoring applications and consumer preference monitoring applications;
- G. compliance applications, including applications that generate notifications of compliance related activities, including notifications regarding health or product maintenance;
- H. test results applications, including applications that provide at least one of lab test results, standardized tests results, consumer product test results, and maintenance results; and
- I. linking applications, including applications that link two or more of the applications in parts A through H.

Claims 11-18 (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of speech recognition (SR), comprising the steps of:

- A. receiving an audio input with a SR system and generating a context-independent result object representing all possible context-dependent interpretations of said audio input;
- B. defining one or more application contexts with an application script, said application contexts being represented as categories of interpretation, said application script defining one or more application contexts, said application contexts being

represented as categories of interpretation, wherein said application script includes programming code written in a language chosen from a group of scripting languages comprising Jscript, PerlScript, or VBscript; and

- C. receiving said context-independent result object and said one or more application contexts and, as a function thereof, generating a specific interpretation result corresponding to said audio input, and to return said interpretation result to said application script.
20. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 1, further including a set of reusable object oriented interfaces local to the SR system, said interfaces configured to interface said application script with said SR system.
21. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 19, further including interfacing said application script with the SR system via a set of reusable object oriented interfaces local to the SR system.